

# Looks Back on 15 Years Exam Proposal

Dr. Stover replaced the telephone and leaned back in his chair. "The most striking difference between the Marple Newtown of today and the Marple Newtown of 15 years ago is sheer size. In 1958 the high school contained 550 students in a building half this size. Just look at us now!"

Dr. Stover traced Marple Newtown's development through his 15 years of service. Besides numbers, our school has changed markedly during this period. Dr. Stover explains:

"Prior to 1958 most high schools had a very limited curriculum. In 1958 the USSR launched its first Sputnik, drawing indignant reactions from the American public.

"Why can they do it and not us? What is wrong with our educational system?"

"The Federal government funded improved teacher training and equipment procurement. As might be expected, the initial surge was heavily oriented towards mathematics, science, and foreign languages. New teaching techniques were developed and extended to all levels of education.

"A few years later the same thing happened with English and Social Studies. We became 'academically conscious,' that is, we gave the scholars some of the recognition which was formerly reserved almost exclusively for the athlete.

"Vocational training was also recognized as a vital function of education at this time, and a crop of vocational-technical schools sprouted all over the state."

According to Dr. Stover, our present teaching techniques and equipment are of superior quality. The emphasis has now begun to shift towards more care to develop the student as a well rounded individual.

Despite the changes of the past 15 years, Dr. Stover feels that students have remained basically the same. "Today's youngster acts much differently from yesterday's, but basically their thinking is the same. I think any differences are due to changes in society as a whole."

(continued inside)

## Students to Present One - Act Plays

Students can look forward to a full and enjoyable drama season this year. In addition to the junior and sophomore class plays and the musical; three one-act plays will be presented in early February.

Jon Ellis, Neal Stephens, and Sheila Pearlman are each directing a one act play this season. Jon, with Dianne O'Neill as as-

sistant director, is presenting Line, about five people who create an abstract world of their own while standing in a "line." Neal Stephens is presenting Hostage, a play about today's conflict in Ireland. And Sheila Pearlman is presenting Witness, about a man who tries to show how easy it is to assassinate the President.

All of the plays are New York productions that

promise to be both interesting and just a little shocking. "You have to see them," Sheila Pearlman commented when I asked her about the plays. "They all have ironic and quite unsuspected endings."

If you're looking for untraditional and unique entertainment, come and see Line, Hostage, and Witness on Feb. 9th and 10th.

"We must have midterms for semester courses because they are the final examinations of a course," replied Dr. Sauers in regard to the administrators vote in favor of all testing.

The Joint School Board never did reject the elimination of midterms and finals. The Administration, however, widely favored continued semester testing as in the past.

Both this proposal and the change to four marking periods were thrust upon the board and administrators of the Marple Newtown Educational Association (MNEA). While the examination proposal was widely rejected, the change to four marking periods was widely favored.

An implication was made that parents could back this proposal for re-submittment. Because of this Dr. Sauers held the opinion that the examination elimination concept has a good chance this coming year.

## Where is

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## The Sophomore Class ?

The Sophomore class is in trouble, and they need someone's help!

Would you believe that homeroom representatives don't even bother to attend class meetings? Why did they ever accept the job to represent the class in the first place if they can't take care of their duties? How in the world is this sophomore class supposed to be successful? The proof of that is the sophomore treasury which has a balance of \$10.77. Half the year is over and nothing has been done.

The officers of the class, who tried to get things started, find it almost impossible to reach 700 sophomore students, and to try to stimulate activities within the class. Without direct help from the class, four people can't be responsible for 700.

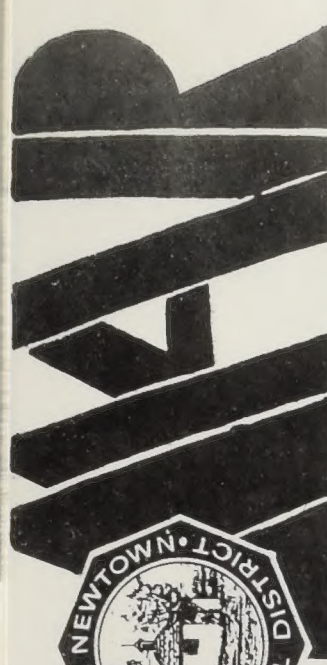
If this year finishes

up to be one big disappointment, you alone know who is responsible.

There is still time to save the sophomore class. All they need is your cooperation and support. It is up to all sophomores to see that this support is given and that their representatives attend all announced meetings. Officers of the sophomore class will appreciate greatly any useful suggestions from the student body to help the sophomore class recover.

Mar News extends its congratulations to:

Randy Davis- Boy of the Month  
Janet Morgan- Girl of the Month  
Nancy Extein- Student of the Month  
Kim Miller- Delco Heart Queen







## Should MNBC be Censored?

Dear Editors:

I'm writing to complain about a recent incident concerning MNBC, our broadcasting club here at school. MNBC has been playing music in homeroom before school starts; many students enjoy this. The incident I'm referring to is about the song "Everybody must get stoned," which was played over MNBC and which caused quite a bit of criticism by some teachers and administrators. I knew we were restricted in this school, but I didn't know it was to the extent that even the music we hear has to be screened. This is ridiculous! I myself enjoyed this song and hope that it and others aren't banned from MNBC.

Concerned Student

## Assembly

Dear Editors: (Wed. Jan 10.)

On Monday, January 8, second period, the Junior class of 1974 was witness to the shortest assembly in MN's history. With this assembly, the intent of preparing the said class's senior schedules, was dismissed before the entire assembly had taken their seats.

Since that time, two days ago, there has been no word as to whether this assembly is being rescheduled or not. Will the class of '74 have a senior year? Or are they doomed to wander the halls of MN lost, scheduleless? What will become of these innocent souls? We can

Nixon a

## Peacemaker?

Dear Editors:

Peace is at hand! Is it possible that the Americans can people think peace is at hand? They did four months ago, but I'm sure they aren't as optimistic now.

How can they be? After the supposed peace vanished as soon as President Nixon was sure he had four more years in office. How can they be? When such heavy bombing over North Vietnam only served to anger the North Vietnamese and push peace farther out of sight.

How can the American people sit quietly at home and accept this? The bombs hit more than just military supplies. They hit schools, hospitals, and innocent civilians. Our country must not care; we let this disgrace pass without protest.

Henry Kissinger is again travelling to Paris for peace talks. If nothing results from these talks, hopefully Congress, with the support of the public, will halt further funds and end this senseless war.

Sherri McCandless

## Graduation Site Disputed

There is not too much new concerning a site for this year's Senior Class graduation. Graduation at Temple, Ambler campus, or on MN's football field is still being disputed.

Exam time is upon us and I'm sure those of you who are not exempt would like to know what you're getting into. For the last few days I've had my spys and contacts scouting around to see what they could dig up. (Due to tight security measures taken by teachers, not all departments will be represented below.)

**International Relations:** You are given the hotlines to Moscow and Peking. Start World War III. Discuss the social and economic effects of your actions.

**Biology:** Create life. Be able to justify your actions.

**World History** Trace the history of the Papacy and relate it to the invention of the wheel, King Arthur, the discovery of America and the Russian Revolution.

**English:** For the following quotations discuss who said the quote, to whom it was said and why. I like it not."

"Who's going to make me?"

"No demonstrative love

## MY MARK



## MARK NEWS

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acts in the halls.  
The Barking Lobster will return.

**Astronomy:** Define the Universe and give three examples.

**Speech:** 3,000 enraged Indians barge into your office. Using only Swahili or Cantonese, Calm the Indians and therefore save your job.

**Drafting:** Reconstruct the blueprint from memory of a) The White House, b) The Eiffel Tower, c) The Taj Mahal.

**Art:** Roughly sketch the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

**Physics:** Prove Einstein's Theory of Relativity using only Newtonian physics.

**Math:** Marge is 3 years older than brother Bill.

But Bill has been dead for 20 years, at which time Sam was 6 times as old as Harry. If Harry's age is divided by 7 and added to seven, you get Marge's dog, Fifi's age. Fifi will not be born for 4 1/2 years. Find Marge's age and use interrogation to find her surface area and volume.

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## Around Town

### CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

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Jan. 30 Dan Jones Jazz Troupe  
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Jan. 17-20 Harry Chaflin  
Jan. 25-27 Rossan, Will, Turk, and Vibrations  
ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Jan. 28 Cheech and Chong  
SPECTRUM

Jan. 20-War, Tower, Power  
Motto-Dance Concert  
Jan. 21-Everly Brothers  
Jan. 26, 27-Neil Young

### FILMS

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES  
Jan. 20 White Wilderness

Jan. 27 My Dog Buddy  
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Jan. 21 Unfaithfully Yours  
CIVIC CENTER MUSEUM

Jan. 23 Romeo and Juliet  
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Jan. 21 The Miracle Worker  
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Jan. 18&19 Straw Dogs and One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich  
Jan. 20&21 The French Connection and Lit-Murders.

Jan. 22&23 Key Largo and The Petrified Forest

Jan. 24&25 My Night at Maude's and La Col-

Maude's and La Col-



# USSR Described by Mr. Kachur

"Vandalism and delinquency were non-existent in Russian schools to the extent of my observations," stated Mr. Kachur in reference to schools he visited while on a recent tour of Russia. For ten days during Christmas vacation Mr. Kachur, who is head of the foreign languages department, and Mrs. Peterson, who is head of the English department, travelled to Russia, stopping at Moscow and Leningrad.

Mr. Kachur said as far as he could tell, Soviet schools are free from graffiti, vandalism and other problems originating from student unrest. If a student gets "out of line", the teacher and principal do not reprimand him, the students do. They ostracize him from all extra-curricular activities. This is a hardship for students actively participate in sports and clubs.

He also observed that the majority of teachers appeared to be friendly and highly skilled. Mr. Kachur was informed that teachers are not permitted to strike a child in the Soviet Union's school system. Having seen uniformed second graders learning to converse in English, Mr. Kachur remarked that he was impressed by the training pupils receive.

English is a required subject for all students. Education is free and a student may continue with his training as long as he wishes. Competition is keen because those who do poorly in school receive less desirable jobs. A poor student may become one of the many street sweepers who

help keep Russia's streets eternally spotless. According to Mr. Kachur, who listened to Russian radio there, propaganda bombards the citizens ceaselessly. The United States and their involvement in the Viet Nam conflict is constantly emphasized and criticized. Average Russian salaries are meager in comparison to American wages. Maximum monthly income is approximately \$150 for high skilled people such as doctors and lawyers. Street sweepers earn the minimum of \$80 a month. This amounts to an average of \$1200 annually. Since the cheapest car on the market is the Italian Fiat at \$3000, trucks belonging to the state are the only vehicles on Russian roads. Efficient modern subways provide public transportation. In contrast to American apparel, Mr. Kachur commented that most Russians wore black or gray, particularly the older people. When asked whether women wore skirts and at what length he replied, "No, they tuck their pants in their boots."

Women in Russia are now "liberated" in the sense that they are now doing jobs which were formerly inclusively men's jobs. Another interesting observation Mr. Kachur made was that he rarely saw anyone smile. He felt they took life too seriously. When asked if he would care to live there he returned without hesitation a definite, "NO".

While in the Soviet Union they visited places of interest such as Red Square, Lenin's Tomb and one of numerous museums. Each of

these sites was full of Russians. Mr. Kachur explained the popularity of these museums and historical monuments was due to the fact that the people are starved for entertainment. Movie theatres provide the only other source of amusement since there are no bars, cocktail lounges or even amusement parks.

Mr. Kachur and Mrs. Peterson travelled to Russia with a group of educators on a tour sponsored by Dr. Reid of Rent State University. The purpose of the tour was to compare the United States and Soviet Union's educational systems. Mrs. Peterson was unable to be contacted and interviewed.

## A Farewell Interview

Dr. Stover sees expanded use of television in the future, possibly to the point that a student may do a large part of his work at home. Much more work will be done on an individual basis.

"The Alternative School will not become the prevailing style of education, because only a few students can make use of it," said Dr. Stover. "I think everyone should have the opportunity to be educated. The Alternative schools, as how defined, limits the number of students for this opportunity."

Alternative Schools, however, may prove extremely useful for dealing with the few students cannot function in the conventional schools.

The coming year will see Dr. Stover take a sabbatical. A sabbatical is a leave of absence granted to an educator so that he may improve himself through study, travel, or any other way deemed fit. Dr. Stover's plans are uncertain, but he does plan to travel extensively.

And after? "I would like to remain involved in education," said Dr. Stover, "but any specific plans at this time would be pure speculation. One who is in education learns to enjoy all of its facets."

"The students here are unusually fine people," concluded Dr. Stover. "They not only have great potential, but the utilize it to achieve tremendous things. Marple Newtown Senior High and the entire school system is just about the best one I know. Having this feeling I am proud of its accomplishments and my association with the Marple Newtown School District for the last 15 years."

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Jan. 31-Feb. 4 King of Hearts and Children of Paradise  
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## Jocktalk

# Test Your Jock Mentality

Everyone knows that an athlete has to be in good physical shape to compete in a sport. Every summer thousands of football players across the country begin to get in shape to meet the demands of a tough upcoming season. Maybe you're not ready to tackle them on the field—but what kind of mental shape are you fans and players in off the field?

The following questions are taken from Tom Harmon's Book of Sports Information, many of which originated from his radio show. Let's see how much you really know about sports in general.

- 1) From where does the word "fan"—for the followers of a team—come?
- 2) Jimmy Brown of the Cleveland Browns was a star in 3 other sports besides football at Syracuse University. What sports?
- 3) In what countries did these games originate?
  - a) Rugby
  - b) Field Hockey
  - c) Curling
  - d) Handball
  - e) Softball
  - f) Trap skating
  - g) Skat shooting
  - h) Roller skating
  - i) Water skiing
- 4) For a six-year period, 1951-1956, he kicked 156 consecutive extra points in the NFL. Who is he?
- 5) How many times did Babe Ruth lead the American League in home runs?

**Answers:** 1) From "fanatic," 2) Lacrosse, track, and basketball 3) (a) England (b) Persia (c) Scotland (d) Ireland (e) U.S. (f) England (g) U.S. (h) Holland. (i) France. 4) George Blanda, at that time with the Chicago Bears. 5) Eleven

(Beginning with the next issue of Mar News, a small group of questions like these will be included to keep your mind working.)

A. Strazds

## Girls Dedicate Meet to

## Departed Swimmer

Opening a season with a decisive win is pleasant for any team. The girls' swim team had just such a start to their season last week, when they defeated Nether Providence. The varsity won by a 60-16 margin, while the JV's won with a 51-25 score.

One of the strongest swimmers on last year's team was Laura Klawitter, now a senior. She unfortunately had to move. The team dedicated their first meet to her.

According to one of the team members, the coach may be skinny and not very robust-looking, but Mrs. Johnson is one tiger of a coach, and she will try to lead the team to a victorious season.

## Attendance Lower Than Normal For Christmas Tournament

Yes, Virginia, there was a Christmas Tournament. It was held on the 23, 26, 28, and 30 of December here in our very own gymnasium. All the finer schools were there: Yeadon, Bishop Neumann, Sun Valley, Episcopal, LaSalle, even Marple. Under the ever-watchful eyes of Newtown's Jaycees, these six teams hacked it out for the typical three winning posts. Yes, Virginia, there was a Christmas Tournament—sorry you missed it; you and about everyone else living in Delaware County.

Those four night or basketball were either not written in calendars, or the word just didn't get around.

## Wrestlers Place in Xmas Tourney

Natboro-Horsham, Bensalem, Marple-Newtown, Upper Dublin, and Phoenixville placed in that order at the Lower Moreland Holiday Invitational Tournament on December 29. Bob Melso and Mike Campbell placed first for MN, while Mike Schafer, Dave Moldoff, Bob Florio, and Andy Duncan placed third.

Just a week before the tournament, MN lost a close battle with Ridley. The varsity score was 38-18 with Gardner and Melso picking up pins. The J.V. fared better as they won 45-18. Pins in this match were registered by Mike Bannan, Ken Giantz, and James Christald.

With a re-vamped roster

Jaycee remarked that the County leader hadn't shown. No coverage & bad publicity to no spectators. I wonder what the teams felt. There they were, out on the court, playing their hearts out. It is known that when a crowd is behind you, you play a better game. Based on this, the must've played lousy games. The winners: 1-LaSalle, 2-Bishop Neumann, 3-Marple. The suggestion: More Constructive mouth to sell the tourney. Sorry you missed it Virginia, but don't worry, there's to be one next year, too.

Bruce Haines

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